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SPECIAL APPEAL FOR PRAYERS

In his Friday Sermon of August 23, 2024, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah be his Helper) instructed us to recite the following prayers to remain within the fortress of Divine protection, safe from Satanic onslaughts:

سُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ وَبِحَمْدِهٖ سُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ الْعَظِيمِ اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

***Translation:** Holy is Allah with His praise, Holy is Allah the Great, O Allah, bless Muhammad and the people of Muhammad*

(200 Times Daily for age 25+, 100 Times Daily for ages 15-25, 33 Times Daily for children and 3-4 Times Daily for small children

اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّٰهَ رَبِّيْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْۢبٍ وَّاَتُوْبُ اِلَيْهِ

***Translation:** I seek forgiveness from Allah, my Lord, for all my sins, and turn to Him.*

(100 Times Daily)

رَبِّ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ خَادِمُكَ رَبِّ فَاحْفَظْنِيْ وَانْصُرْنِيْ وَارْحَمْنِيْ

***Translation:** O my Lord, everything is Your servant. O my Lord, so protect me, help me and have mercy upon me!*

(100 Times Daily)

His Holiness said that these days when Satan is trying to attack our Community and the world at large, the only way for us to remain safeguarded is through prayers. Hence, we should recite these prayers, not just during the days of Jalsa but throughout the year.

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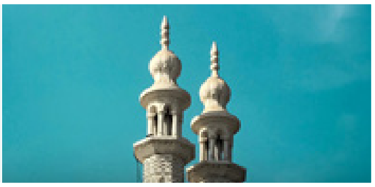

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يٰٓاَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اِنَّا خَلَقْنٰكُمْ مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ وَّاُنْثٰى وَجَعَلْنٰكُمْ شُعُوْبًا وَّقَبَآئِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوْا ؕ اِنَّ اَكْرَمَكُمْ
عِنْدَ اللّٰهِ اَتْقٰكُمْ ؕ اِنَّ اللّٰهَ عَلِيْمٌ خَبِيْرٌ ﴿۱۴﴾

Translation

O mankind, We have created you from a male and a female; and We have made you into tribes and subtribes that you may know one another. Verily, the most honourable among you, in the sight of Allah, is he who is the most righteous among you. Surely, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.

(Al-Hujurat:14)

Short Commentary

From the subject of Islamic brotherhood to which reference has been made in the preceding two verses, the Surah proceeds to lay down, in the verse under comment, the basis of an all-comprehensive, all-pervading brotherhood of man. The verse, in fact, constitutes the Magna Carta of human fraternity and equality. It has firmly laid the axe at the false and foolish notions of superiority, born of racial arrogance or national conceit. All men having been "created from a male and a female" as human beings have been declared equal in the sight of God. The worth of a man is not to be judged by the pigment of his skin, the amount of wealth he possesses or by his rank or social status, descent or pedigree, but by his moral greatness and the way in which he discharges his obligations to God and man. The whole human race is but one family. Division into tribes, nations, and races is meant to give them a better knowledge of one another, in order that they might benefit from one another's national characteristics and good qualities. This, according to Islam, is the criterion of a person's greatness and this is the only true and real criterion.

The Holy Prophet explained the beautiful idea of the brotherhood of man inculcated in this verse in his own inimitable way on the occasion of the Last Pilgrimage at Mecca, a short time before his death.

Addressing a vast concourse of Muslims the Prophet said, "O ye men! Your God is One and your ancestor is one. An Arab possesses no superiority over a non-Arab, nor does a non-Arab over an Arab. A white is in no way superior to a red, nor, for that matter, a red to a white, but only to the extent to which he discharges his duty to God and man. The most honoured among you in the sight of God is the one who is most righteous" (Bayhaqi).

These noble words spoken by the Prophet during his Farewell Pilgrimage which have resounded through the centuries epitomize one of Islam's loftiest ideals and strongest principles. It goes to the credit of the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) that in a society rivenwith class distinction, he preached a message intensely democratic.

(5 Volume Commentary, Vol-5, Ch 49, Verse 14, page 2964,2965)

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HADITH

عَنْ اَبِي مُوسٰى، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ " مَثَلُ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللّٰهُ بِهِ مِنَ الْهُدَى وَالْعِلْمِ كَمَثَلِ الْغَيْثِ الْكَثِيرِ اَصَابَ اَرْضًا، فَكَانَ مِنْهَا نَقِيَّةٌ قَبِلَتِ الْمَاءَ، فَأَنْبَتَتِ الْكَلأَ وَالْعُشْبَ الْكَثِيرَ، وَكَانَتْ مِنْهَا اَجَادِبُ اَمْسَكَتِ الْمَاءَ، فَنَفَعَ اللّٰهُ بِهَا النَّاسَ، فَشَرِبُوا وَسَقَوْا وَزَرَعُوا، وَاَصَابَتْ مِنْهَا طَائِفَةً اُخْرَى، اِنَّمَا هِيَ قِيعَانٌ لاَ تُمْسِكُ مَاءً، وَلاَ تُنْبِتُ كَلأً، فَذٰلِكَ مَثَلُ مَنْ فَقِهَ فِي دِينِ اللّٰهِ وَنَفَعَهُ مَا بَعَثَنِي اللّٰهُ بِهِ، فَعَلِمَ وَعَلَّمَ، وَمَثَلُ مَنْ لَمْ يَرْفَعْ بِذٰلِكَ رَاْسًا، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلْ هُدَى اللّٰهِ الَّذِي اُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ.

(صحيح البخارى كتاب العلم باب فَضْلِ مَنْ عَلِمَ وَعَلَّمَ)

Translation

Abu Musa relates that the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, observed: The case of the guidance and knowledge with which I have been sent is that of rain which falls on land part of which is good and fertile and dry grass thereon turns green and a quantity of new and fresh grass is produced; and part of it is dry and it stores up the water and God makes it beneficial for people, they drink from it and use it for cultivation; and part of it is a barren plain which neither retains the water nor produces fresh grass. This is the case of those who understand the faith revealed by Allah and benefit from that with which Allah has sent me and learn it and teach it; and of those who do not stir their heads to gain knowledge of the faith and do not accept the guidance with which I have been sent.

(Bukhari)

SO SAID THE PROMISED MESSIAH AS

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It would not have been possible for me to have attained this grace if I had not followed the footsteps of my lord and master, the pride of all prophets, the best of mankind, Muhammad (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.), the chosen one, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Whatever I have achieved by following him, and I know from my truly verified experience that no man can reach God to obtain a deeper understanding of His ways without following this Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Now, let me also make it known that the very first thing you are rewarded with, after having completely submitted yourself to the instructions and teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.), is that you are granted new heart which is always rightly inclined. Such heart loses all love for this material world and instead it begins to yearn for an everlasting and unending heavenly pleasure. Having achieved this sublime state, your heart is now ready to receive that perfect and purest love of God. All these blessings are bequeathed to you as a spiritual heritage because of your complete obedience to the Holy Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

(Roohani Khazain, V. 22, P. 64-65: Haqeeqatul Wahee)

Source: https://www.ahmadiyyagallery.org/Jalsa-Salana

HOSPITALITY AND JALSA SALANA UK 2019

(Friday Sermon 6 August 2021)

After reciting the Tashahud, Ta‘awuz, and Surah al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (May Allah strengthen his hands) stated:

Allah the Almighty has once again granted us the opportunity to participate in Jalsa Salana [Annual Convention] UK. The Jalsa Salana in Germany took place last month, and annual conventions of various other large Jama'ats in the West such as Canada (which was held on the same dates as Jalsa Germany) and Jalsa Salana USA was also held last month. Many other Annual Conventions also took place around the world in which we continue to witness how God Almighty is gloriously fulfilling His promise of divine help and succour granted to the Promised Messiahas.

The Jalsa Salana UK is unique in that people from around the world, members of our community and the non-Ahmadis alike, have their sights set particularly on this event. The Jalsa Salana UK is not only limited to the UK, rather it has become an international Jalsa.

Although I recently mentioned that the Jalsa Salana of Germany has also become an international Jalsa as many countries are represented there and they may even have a higher attendance than the Jalsa Salana in the UK, nonetheless Jalsa Salana UK is the central Jalsa. Moreover, people make an even greater effort to attend the Jalsa UK as the headquarters of Khilafat are established here.

Therefore, in this regard, members of the community and non-Ahmadis from around the world, endeavour to participate in this Jalsa. Likewise, the responsibilities of the volunteers serving at the Jalsa also greatly increases, and in order to setup what is almost a temporary city requires even more attention from us in relation to its arrangements. Thus, as is the case that I remind the volunteers of their duties and responsibilities, I will say something with regard to this first.

By the grace of Allah the Almighty, since the headquarters of Khilafat moved to the UK 35 years ago and the Jalsa is being held in its presence, members of the UK Jama'at, including the elderly, children and ladies, have been participating in the Jalsa arrangements and have been happily fulfilling their duties. Indeed, the history of the UK Jalsa Salana is much longer than 35 years, however, the attendance of the Jalsa Salana held during those years was probably less than the monthly meetings of a local Jama'at today. It is for this reason that I made reference to its history of the last 35 years because it is since then that the Jalsa Salana UK is being held with the headquarters of Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya also in the UK.

In the early years of Jalsa Salana, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV (may Allah have mercy upon him) would grant extensive guidance for the arrangements of Jalsa. He spent great effort to teach the members in relation to the organisation of Jalsa. They received assistance from certain office-bearers from Pakistan who then worked alongside the administration here.

The Langar [dining] arrangement is a huge operation. The resources and facilities here are unlike what is available in Pakistan. Hence, during those times it was difficult to make arrangements for even 4,000 to 5,000 people and was as if they were catering for 200,000 to 250,000.

After Khilafat migrated to the UK, the first UK Jalsa I attended was in 1988. At the time, after observing the condition of the management, one could see the great strain it had on them to make arrangements for even 5,000 to 6,000 people. However, today we can observe that in terms of Jalsa arrangements, the volunteers here are perhaps capable enough to help those working in Rabwah.

Last week, at the dinner with the volunteers of the Jalsa after the Jalsa Inspection, nazir umur-e-kharijah [director for external affairs, Pakistan], who is also the naib afsar Jalsa Salana [Pakistan] and is visiting from Rabwah, was also sitting nearby. After dinner, I saw him call another member of the delegation from Rabwah, who he started conversing with.

I enquired as to what the issue was and he said, "The roti from langar that we are eating right now is of great quality. The test runs carried out in Rabwah to make the rotis…" By the Grace of Allah Almighty, they consistently organise temporary tests of the roti plant for a few days at a time to maintain the machines and to remain accustomed to performing their duties. In any case, he said, "Our roti is not up to the standard of the roti here. So, I was asking this worker to enquire about the details of the roti made here from the roti plant management. To also find out how it is made and the ratio of water and flour used. The ratio of water to flour is a very important factor and so I asked him to obtain their recipe."

Thus, by the grace of Allah the Almighty, our workers here have become such experts after having acquired so much experience that their roti is appreciated even by the officials of Rabwah.

This year, the young engineers working at the roti plant have made specific improvements to the flour kneading machine which has made the flour extraction process even more effective. The person in charge of the roti plant and the young engineer, who is also a waqf-e-nau, and their team is now working to make further improvements to ensure that the flour moves from the kneading machine to the cooking machine directly instead of the current practice of having the workers carry the flour in buckets and deliver it physically and this particular hurdle of the process will no longer be required.

However, it does not mean that we will deprive the workers of serving because of this automatic machine, rather, God willing, these workers will be assigned to roles where they can serve in an even better manner. In fact, this is a distinctive feature of the Jama'at that from childhood to senior age, our workers strive to perform any duty with utmost joy, to the best of their abilities.

In any case, the reason I mentioned this is because there was a time when it was challenging for the management to provide food for 4,000 to 5,000 people. During those times, ninety per cent of the roti was purchased from an outside vendor. A small second-hand roti plant was installed, but even that would constantly break down. It required constant attention of the engineers.

Our senior engineers of the Jama'at spent a lot of time working on this. Even then, this old plant would only produce a few thousand rotis, which were not round and were of the same shape as the pita breads. Now, by the grace of Allah the Almighty, they produce hundreds of thousands of rotis themselves in order to serve 35,000 to 40,000 attendees.

People also appreciate its quality and I also regularly assess the quality of this roti and indeed, it is far better than the rotis which were produced previously. May Allah Almighty further increase the skills of the youngsters who are carrying out this work. May He also grant them the wisdom and further increase their capacity to do this work so that they can serve the guests of Jalsa more than ever before.

Similarly, the Langar teams, under the supervision of their respective team leaders, are working tirelessly and passionately to cook the food. The quality of food has also improved significantly. May Allah enable them to maintain this standard during the three days of Jalsa.

Within the Langar Khana department, there is a team washing the large metal cooking pots. This is also a huge task. A few years ago, they were provided with machines produced in Germany by Ahmadi engineers to wash these large pots. The German Ahmadis really like these machines and they work really well for them. They are convinced that these machines wash the big pots and clean them at a very fast pace.

Here in the UK, our team used it for a few years and continued to wash the pots with their own hands as well. They continued to use the machines upon my instructions, but last year they very pleadingly requested me to allow them to wash the pots with their own hands. They stated that it would take them less time to do so; in fact, they said that they could wash them three times faster if they did it by hand. Meaning that the time it takes for the machine to wash one pot, they can wash three pots and they said that they are able to clean the pots even better than the machine. I said to the person in charge in a light-hearted manner that it seems he has Jinns on his team who are able to clean so quickly because the German Ahmadis are not ready to admit that any person can wash these big pots in such a short time.

Nevertheless, they are working extremely hard in this department. Their task is not only tough and time consuming; in fact, it is very laborious. In Qadian and Pakistan, this type of work is carried out by hiring labourers, but in this country, these volunteers are working with utmost sincerity and passion.

Then there is the department of serving food. They have also made efforts to make improvements by increasing the size of the marquees in which food is served so that they can serve the guests food more comfortably and in less time.

Then among other departments, there is the department of cleanliness and hygiene, car parking, traffic etc. Also, there are various departments within the Jalsa Gah. The security is also a very huge and important department.

Similarly, there are numerous other departments and each every one of them is important in its own right. There are thousands of volunteers who are being enabled with the opportunity to serve in all these various departments.

Similarly, there are many female volunteers also who have also been granted the opportunity to serve. May Allah the Almighty give them the opportunity to serve their duties in the best manner possible.

I usually advise all the workers that since they have offered themselves to serve the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) with such determination and passion that it is now their duty to maintain this standard right till the end of the Jalsa.

There is also the windup department which works for approximately one week after the conclusion of Jalsa. The smile on your faces and your respectful and courteous conduct towards the guests of the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) will testify to the fact that you have continued to maintain the passion to serve them.

Both, the male and female workers alike, who are serving the guests of the Jalsa in various departments, should always bear in mind that they are attaining twice as much reward – firstly, the reward of attending the Jalsa and attaining its blessings and secondly, by attaining the blessings of serving the guests of the Promised Messiah(Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Indeed, Allah the Almighty also likes the act of serving others in a hospitable manner. In fact, He finds this act so commendable that He has mentioned it twice in the Holy Quran with reference to Prophet Abraham (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). If presenting food to guests was not such a significant act, then it would not have been mentioned every time the account of the arrival of guests was mentioned. It mentions that after greeting them with the prayer of Salaam [peace], the very first thing Prophet Abraham (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did was to present a roasted calf-meat. Allah the Almighty states:

فَمَا لَبِثَ اَنْ جَآءَ بِعِجْلٍ حَنِيذٍ

"and was not long in bringing a roasted calf.."
(Surah Hud: 70)

He afforded them with whatever hospitality that was possible in that era. To slaughter his animal and to present it before his guests was indeed a very hospitable act and animals were easily available in that time. Therefore, he extended to them the best possible hospitality. Thus, we should also extend our hospitality according to the standards of today and treat our guests in the same manner.

It is not necessary that one must go out and search for a calf. Rather, one ought to do whatever can be acquired easily and quickly. In those times, slaughtering a calf was both easily and quickly accessible as well as the highest standard of hospitality of that time, and this is what we should also do. With regard to this, the excellent example of the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is before us. If dates were easily available, he would offer them; if meat or some other exquisite food was available, he would offer that; if only goat milk was available, he would offer that. If the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) had no food of his own to offer, he would tell his Companions to take the guest to their homes and host them.

The three things which the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) enjoined upon those who believe in Allah and the Last Day are all in relation to fulfilling the rights of one another and establishing the peace of society. The first thing is to either speak a good word or remain silent. Do not stir disaccord by uttering meaningless things. Do not create conflict between one another. A believer does not utter unseemly and inconsequential speech.

The second thing is to honour one's neighbour for neighbours possess a great right to be entitled to respect and care. Those participating in the Jalsa here today are also each other's neighbours, the arriving guests, the workers and the volunteers serving the guests. For this reason, the guests should also treat those serving them with dignity and respect, and workers should also be mindful about treating the guests with honour and esteem. Moreover, when they meet one another, they ought to meet with mutual respect.

And the third thing that the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) told us was to honour one's guest. *(Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Iman, Hadith no. 47)*

Now, this is something especially important for the hosts. It is fundamental for establishing a beautiful and peaceful society.

They are the commandments of Allah the Almighty and the hallmark of a true believer. When the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) had a large number of guests, he would distribute them among the Companionsra and would later enquire from the guests, "Did your brothers entertain you in a becoming manner?"

Indeed, the Companions (may Allah have mercy upon them) had received their spiritual and moral training directly from the company of Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.); they partook directly from his spiritual grace. They would take such excellent care of these guests that the guests would answer the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) saying, "Our hosts took greater care of us than themselves and gave us better food to eat than that which they themselves ate." *(Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal, Vol. 5, p. 357, Hadith no. 15644, Alim-ul-Kutb, Beirut, 1998)*

So, this was the manner of hospitality of the Holy Prophet's (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) Companions (may Allah have mercy upon them). The guests in the time of the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) would come in pursuit of religious knowledge, and those coming here are also coming for the same purpose. We also have been appointed to especially extend our hospitality to those who have come purely for participating in this spiritual gathering at the invitation of the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.).

Through His grace, God Almighty has greatly blessed and increased the means of the Jama'at and the hospitality is now organised under the system of the Jama'at. In fact, there is even permission and a system in place for some of those hosting guests in their homes to come and take home food from the Langar of the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), that is if they wish to take it home, they can.

However, the circumstances of the Companions (may Allah have mercy upon them) were not such that there could have been a centralised system in place. Moreover, the personal circumstances of many of these Companions were not very good either. In fact, we find instances where they put their own children to sleep hungry and both husband and wife also remained hungry so that whatever meagre food they had, they served to the guests. God Almighty then greatly lauded this action of theirs and was well-pleased. And it is found in narrations that God Almighty also informed the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) about this particular incident. *(Sahih al-Bukhari, Kitab Munaqib-ul-Ansar, Hadith no. 3798)*

Hence, those people whose examples we are commanded to adopt would extend hospitality by making sacrifices. And today, there are many people in the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) who host guests with a spirit of sacrifice, and this is exactly what we should do.

In spite of the available Jama'at resources, some people still seek to personally host guests. Whatever service the workers on duty have been assigned – not just some, but each and every one of them – workers should render hospitality with the spirit of sacrifice while observing the highest morals as well.

As I mentioned that the sacrifice that is being asked of us today is not of hunger, rather, in this day and age, the sacrifice that is being asked of us, and the one that the volunteers are making, is of time.

Moreover, a sacrifice of personal emotions is also required. At times, guests end up behaving inappropriately, so in such a case, one must sacrifice one's emotions, be patient and keep silent. The reason for keeping silent is that one should think positively about these guests, that they have come to sincerely quench their religious and spiritual thirst. Perhaps they have demonstrated such excessive behaviour as a result of some misunderstanding. This is why one should simply apologise, and even if they are not at fault, they should look after their needs. These are the lofty morals which one ought to show to their guests in this era and this is what the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) desires from us in this day and age. There are numerous accounts of the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) which demonstrate the excellent standard of his heartfelt care and hospitality toward guests.

Once, some guests who had arrived from a far-off place became upset and turned back on account of some Langar workers refusing to remove their bags for them. When the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) found out, his condition became such, it is said, that he could hardly put on his shoes – as though in a state of pandemonium – and he hurriedly followed them on foot.

These people were travelling by a horse carriage. Anyhow, when they saw that the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) is approaching, they stopped the carriage and got off of it. The Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) apologised to them and asked them to come back with him. He then turned their carriage around. The guests also felt embarrassed and did not ride on the carriage and instead walked alongside the carriage as well. When they finally returned back to the Langar area, the Promised Messiah(Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)personally extended his hand toward their luggage to begin removing it, and the Khuddam, who were already embarrassed, leapt forward immediately and took down the guests' luggage. The Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) remained there until satisfactory arrangements were made for their lodging and food. *(Seerat-ul-Mahdi, Vol. 2, pt. 4, pp. 56-57, narration no. 1069)*

On one occasion, the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) stated to the workers, "Many people will end up coming, some of whom you recognise while others you may not. This is why it is fitting that you serve and care for them, deeming all of them worthy of respect." He went on to say, "I trust that you shall make ease for the guests."*(Malfuzat, Vol. 6, p. 226)*

Hence, we must uphold this trust even today.

After this, I also wish to say something to the guests. Firstly, as I mentioned before, taking good care of each other's emotions is the duty of everyone – the guests, as well as the hosts. Where Islam commands us to respect and honour our guest, it also instructs the guest not to be a great burden upon the host.

The Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) stated that overstaying a visit to someone's house and thereby becoming a burden upon them is just like one who takes from Sadqa [charity]. *(Sahih al-Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Adab, Hadith no. 6135)*

Not everyone enjoys circumstances that allow for them to extend the same level of hospitality from beginning to end, so the guest is also instructed to take care of the hosts. If the stay is extended, then live in the house as though the other residents of the home live. If any need arises to help the dwellers of the house with their domestic and household chores, then that should be done as well – especially in these countries.

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Generally, people do this, and this is what is needed for a beautiful society to emerge. When one ends up feeling like his guest is a burden upon him, feelings of love and sincerity wane. And when these feelings lessen, the situation does not remain peaceful. Hence, the guest should also bear in mind that it is a guest's responsibility to discharge all of their obligations. If hospitality is the right of a guest, that he be taken care of, then the host also has a right that the guest fulfils his right and not become a burden upon him.

The Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) has established this right of the guest for only a few days. However, I would like to also point out for the administration that the guests who have come to our Jalsa, even if they end up staying for a month, they should be extended hospitality. Do not take away from this that after only three or four days, we will stop entertaining the guests. The Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) has deemed the establishment of the Langar as one of the five branches of his central work. *(Haqiqatul Wahi, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 22, p. 221)*

Hence, whenever the guests of the Promised

Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) arrive, not just in the days of Jalsa, but in regular days as well, they should be treated in the best manner. Then, a commandment with regards to establishing a beautiful society, and something which the guests should especially act upon, especially in this Jalsa environment, is exchanging greetings of peace. The Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has also, while listing the characteristics of those who would be admitted into paradise, mentioned that they spread greetings of peace. *(Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Iman, Hadith no. 54)*

In fact, the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) instructed that whether you know someone or not, extend them the greetings of peace. *(Sahih al-Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Iman, Hadith no. 28)*

Also, among the objectives for the Jalsa, the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stated that it is so that people should gather and thereby, a relationship of love and mutual understanding be established. *(Aasamani Faisla, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 4, p. 352)*

Hence, Salaam is an excellent means of increasing this love and the opportunity to become acquainted with one another. And this also has the additional benefit that it will remove any rancour that people harbour about one another.

Those who have come here have done so exclusively for the sake of Allah, and this is the mentality with which one should come. Their purpose is for Allah alone.

They have come to quench their thirst for religious, secular and spiritual knowledge and to attain them, and as I have mentioned, this is what the true purpose must be. Therefore, every one of them must strengthen their mutual bonds and make exerted efforts to remove whatever malice and aversion they may harbour for one another.

The Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) stated that by attending the Jalsa, one must also try to attain the goal of "extinguishing their love for the world and let their love for the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.) become dominant in their hearts." *(Aasmani Faisla, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 4, p. 351)*

Hence, in order to attain this love, you should pay special attention to participating and listening to the Jalsa programme, pondering over them during the Jalsa, busying yourselves in the remembrance of Allah at all times, paying special heed to offering the daily prayers in congregation and to pay special focus to offering the voluntary and Tahajud prayers. Those who are staying here must continue their efforts to build an even purer atmosphere and to improve themselves. Those who come from morning to evening also have the duty of fulfilling this objective and the purpose of the Jalsa, which is to strive to attain nearness to God Almighty and to increase in one's love for the Holy Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.). This indeed is a tremendous task, which the Promised Messiah (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has assigned to us, i.e. to have the love of God Almighty and His Messenger (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) prevail over our hearts.

If the attendees of the Jalsa have this purpose in mind and make full efforts to attain it, then it can be said that they have truly fulfilled their objective, and the purpose of attending the Jalsa and other matters such as accommodation and food will be given secondary importance. They will deem the true purpose as to improve their spiritual state as much as possible and to advance in it. As I have mentioned that once this is achieved, they will have truly attained the purpose of attending the Jalsa.

Similarly, in terms of administration, the guests should bear in mind that there are always shortcomings with temporary and large-scale management. If one happens to see such shortcomings, he should overlook them.

I have instructed the workers that if they are faced with any hostility from anyone, they should tolerate it. But it is also the duty of the guests and attendees to overlook the weaknesses and shortcomings, and if they do witness any, they should assist the workers. I have seen that some guests very passionately act as the hosts and help out when needed. For example, when it comes to the cleanliness of the washrooms, those on duty may not always be able to fully arrange for the cleanliness due to the rush, so some guests themselves help those on duty and this is the zeal which should be present in every Ahmadi. This is the true spirit which will establish a pure atmosphere.

Guests should not waste their time in merely testing the workers, and as I have said, they should assist in every department if need be. Likewise, at times, there may be a rush in the parking department. In such circumstances, those coming in their cars must fully cooperate with the workers with great patience and forbearance.

Similarly, there are often queues on the internal routes where there are the scanning departments etc. where one must demonstrate patience. But sometimes the atmosphere is disturbed due to a handful of people. In such circumstances, each and every person must display complete patience. There is no harm if it takes a little longer than usual, as this queue allows for better flow [of traffic]. I always say that those sitting in the Jalsa Gah during the proceedings must always keep an eye out on their surroundings. Likewise, whilst up and about, you should be aware of your surroundings.

In terms of security, you should try your best to follow the instructions of the administration and the most important thing is to continue praying for the success of the Jalsa, to be able to fulfil the purpose of the Jalsa and to remain safe from the evil of those who cause mischief. The jealousy of those who envy the progress of the Jama'at is ever-increasing, so there is a greater need to turn our attention to prayers.

During these days you should also pray for the state of the Ahmadis in Pakistan. It seems that the situation is turning once again towards hostility.

May Allah Almighty also grant them a life of peace and security, protect them from all kinds of evil and may He render the plots – new and old – of the enemies futile. Apart from this, I shall also remind the attendees of the Jalsa that this year there are again several central departments such as the Archive and Research Centre, The Review of Religions, Makhzan-e-Tasaweer and other departments the like thereof, who are holding exhibitions which are very academic and full of information. So, you should try to visit these in your free time.

May Allah bless this Jalsa in every regard and enable you all to reap the maximum benefit from it.

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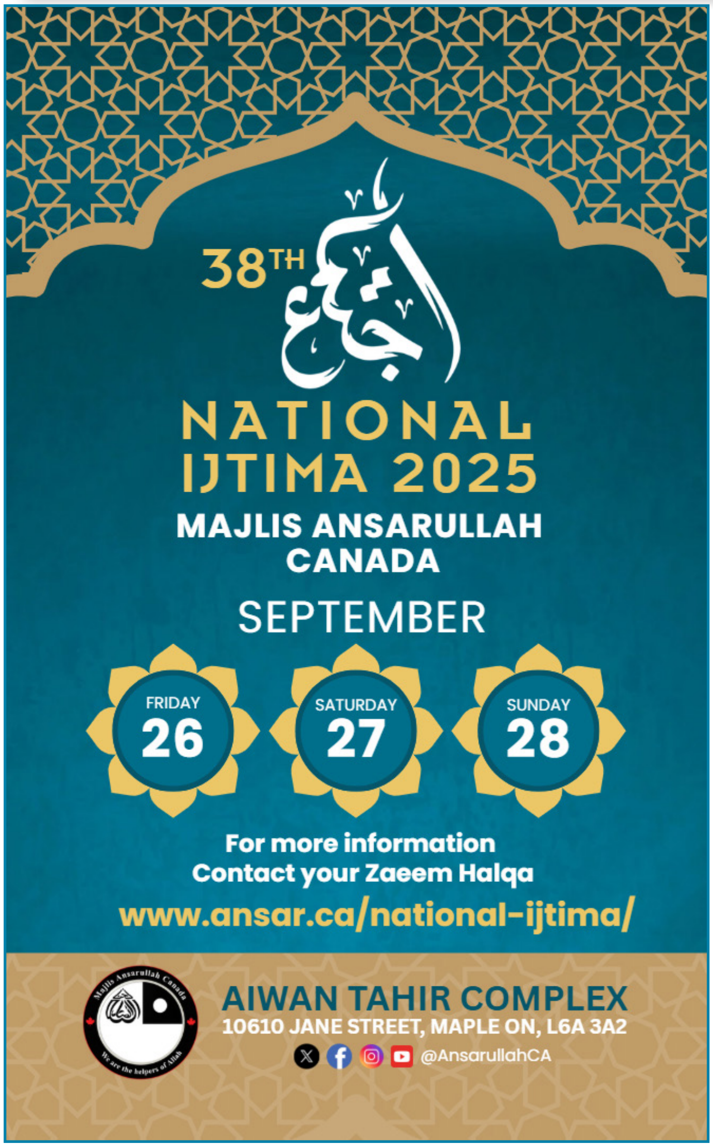
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TABLIGH BOOK STALL & QURAN EXHIBITION - PVSE

(Muntazim Umumi Majlis Ansarullah)

By Allah's grace, Majlis Ansarullah Peace Village Southeast Canada had an opportunity to display & set up the book stall & Quran Exhibition on Sunday July 20, 2025 , 2:30-5:30 pm, in Vellore Village community centre in the city of Vaughan Ontario Canada, successfully. Alhamdolillah.

Detailed Report Follows

- Pre-Planning: The Tabligh activity event was decided in our monthly Amila meeting on July 05,2025, venue was booked & the necessary arrangements were made to make it effective & successful.

- Respected Zaim Sahib Majlis, sent a couple of messages well in time to all Amila members , halqa's ansar & reminded all to participate this important event of Tabligh on July 20, 2025.

- Zaim Sahib prepared a team of eleven members, picked up books, literature & copies of Holy Quran from the Tabligh department in Aivan-e-Tahir & displayed the book stall & Quran exhibition beautifully in the Activity Room # 4 of Vellore Village Community Centre Woodbridge, with the help of Khuddam-ul-Ahmadiyya team.

- In the supervision of respected Zaim Sahib Halqa, the book stall & Quran Exhibition was arranged , displayed & decorated beautifully by respected Ansar members & some Khuddam brothers. Alhamdolillah.

- Respected Murabbi Silsila Mustajab Qasim sahib participated in this blessed event, remained until 5:30 pm, met the walk-in guests & answered to questions to their entire satisfaction. Alhamdolillah.

- Throughout the event, coffee, tea & other refreshment was served to all participants & the guests. The guests showed a lot of interest in literature, especially the banner " Messiah Has Come" & asked many questions about it. Alhamdolillah.

Jalsa Salana And Its Importance For The Jamaat

Sahibzada Mirza Khalil Ahmad,
1924-1975
(Alhakam , 6th August 2021)

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آؤ لوگو کہ یہیں نورِ خدا پاؤ گے
لو تمہیں طور تسلی کا بتایا ہم نے

"Come, O people, for it is here you that will find the light of God; Now we have told you the path of finding satisfaction."

Jalsa Salana serves as an important and beautiful memory that originates from the time of the Promised Messiah, (peace be upon him). The foundation of this Jalsa was placed by the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) himself in 1891, when only 75 Companions participated. In 1892, Jalsa Salana was officially established, in which 327 people attended.

From the objectives of this Jalsa – apart from the Jama'at's education, preaching and organisation – Another reason was for all those members of the Jama'at who were spread out across different areas to gather every year in their markaz, Qadian, and to meet and become acquainted with one another and as a result, refresh their faith. It was also for all Jama'at members to always keep in mind the unity of the Jama'at and the importance of national unity. Thus, following the commands of God Almighty, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) announced this scheme – that members gather every year in Qadian for a Jalsa in which Islamic teachings and concepts would be taught and Quranic truths and their deeper meanings would be conveyed. This is because the human mind has been created in such a way that until a person is not constantly reminded of and taught something, it cannot be remembered in the long term. For this reason, the Jalsa was to be held every year.

People started attending the Jalsa Salana in huge numbers and crowds increased year by year. In 1907 – one year before the demise of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) – the Jalsa was attended by approximately 700 people; a number that is now seen on just the main stage or its surrounding areas in Jalsas held in these days [1940].

Seeing this number and while announcing the success of his mission, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) said, "Maybe next year, it will be difficult for me to even go out on a walk [during Jalsa]".

In one way, these words of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) became a prophecy; in other words, in 1908, Huzoor (peace be upon him) passed away.

اِنَّا لِلّٰہِ وَاِنَّا اِلَیْہِ رَاجِعُوْنَ

[Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.]

However, even after the demise of Huzoor (Peace be upon him), the number of Jalsa attendees continued to increase every year. From 1,000, it turned to 2,000. From 2,000, it became 3,000 and from 3,000 to 4,000 – until in 1939, when 42,000 people attended Jalsa Salana. The world witnessed itself the prophecy of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) being fulfilled, which he foretold when only three or four people would follow him, that:

يَاْتِيْكَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيْقٍ

[His help will come to you from every distant track.]

يَاْتُوْنَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيْقٍ

[People will come to help you from every distant track.] *(Tadhkirah [English], pp. 497-498)*

Then God told him:

وَبَشِّرِ الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا اَنَّ لَهُمْ قَدَمَ صِدْقٍ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ۔ وَاتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ
مَا اُوْحِيَ اِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَّبِّكَ۔ وَلَا تُصَعِّرْ لِخَلْقِ اللّٰهِ وَلَا تَسْئَمْ مِنَ
النَّاسِ۔ اَصْحَابُ الصُّفَّةِ وَ مَا اَدْرٰكَ مَا اَصْحَابُ الصُّفَّةِ تَرٰى
اَعْيُنَهُمْ تَفِيْضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ۔ يُصَلُّوْنَ عَلَيْكَ۔ رَبَّنَا اِنَّنَا سَمِعْنَا
مُنَادِيًا يُّنَادِيْ لِلْاِيْمَانِ وَ دَاعِيًا اِلَى اللّٰهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُّنِيْرًا۔ اٰمَنُوْا

Meaning: "[…] And give glad tidings to those who have believed that they have the station of righteousness before your Lord. Recite to them the revelation that has been sent to you from your Lord. Remember that a time is coming when people will come to you in large numbers. It is incumbent upon you not to be arrogant towards them and you must not get tired of receiving them in large numbers. There will be people who will migrate from their homes to dwell in your quarters. They are the Ashab al-Suffah in the eyes of Allah.

"Do you realise how magnificent in status the Ashab al-Suffah will be? They will be very strong of faith. You will see their eyes shedding tears; they will call down blessings on you. They will supplicate: 'Our Lord we have heard a Caller, calling people to the faith [and a Summoner to Allah] and a refulgent lamp. So we have believed.'" *(Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Part 3, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 1, pp. 267–268; Translation taken from Tadhkirah [English, 2009 edition], pp. 64-65)*

In the above revelations of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him), regarding the Ashab al-Suffah, Huzoor (peace be upon him) once wrote:

"God loves the Ashab al-Suffah among the Jamaat. The one who does not leave everything and comes to live here, or, at the very least, does not desire to do this – I fear for their condition. They remained deficient in establishing a relationship that purifies. "And this is a grand prophecy; it shows the greatness of those who God knew about – that they would leave their houses, areas and countries and to be in my proximity and would come and live in Qadian."

At another place, the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) stated:

"God said to me: وَ وَسِّعْ مَكَانَكَ

"That is, 'And enlarge your house.' This prophecy says clearly that the day is coming when the number of visitors will multiply so much that it would be difficult for me to meet everyone. I was admonished not to express any annoyance or to feel tired of meeting the people.

"Holy is Allah, how grand is this prophecy which was conveyed to me 17 years ago when only two or three people came to visit me, and that also infrequently. What a wonderful proof this is of God's knowledge of that which is hidden." *(Siraj-e-Munir, Ruhani Khazain, Vol. 12, p. 73; Translation taken from Tadhkirah [English, 2009 edition], p. 66)*

Reading these words, every Ahmadi can gauge the importance of coming to Qadian and especially the grandeur of attending Jalsa Salana.

However, how many are there amongst us who listen but never act? They desire to come but cannot turn this desire into action. They understand the importance and greatness, but due to not having a deep passion, this importance and greatness has no effect on them. One can truly understand the greatness of such an event when there is sincerity and love in their heart – they should have nothing but pure and absolute love.

Therefore, develop love for this divine scheme and believe that coming to Jalsa is compulsory. Become the one who fulfils the prophecy made by God that:

يَاْتِيْكَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيْقٍ

[His help will come to you from every distant track.]

يَاْتُوْنَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيْقٍ

[People will come to help you from every distant track.]

Humbly yours, Mirza Khalil Ahmad

(Translated by Al Hakam from the original Urdu in Al Fazl, 17 December 1940)

A Beginner's Guide to Shore Fishing in Canada

(Syed Mansoor Ahmed -Ottawa West)

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Canada's vast wilderness, pristine lakes, and winding rivers make it a dream destination for anglers. But if you've never held a rod or tied a lure, the idea of fishing might feel a little… slippery. Don't worry—this guide is your first cast into the world of shore fishing, a peaceful and accessible way to enjoy the sport without ever stepping onto a boat.

Why Shore Fishing?

Shore fishing is perfect for beginners. It's low-cost, low-risk, and high-reward. You don't need a boat, fancy gear, or years of experience. Just a little patience, the right spot, and a few essentials.

Benefits of shore fishing:

- No boat required—just walk up to the water.
- Great for families and solo adventurers alike.
- Accessible in urban parks, lakesides, and rivers across Canada.
- Ideal for learning the basics of casting, baiting, and reeling.

Know the Rules: Fishing Regulations & Licensing in Canada

Before you cast your first line, it's crucial to understand the legal side of fishing in Canada. Regulations vary by province and territory, so always check local rules.

Do You Need a License?

Yes—a fishing license is required for recreational fishing in Canada, and it's issued by the province or territory where you plan to fish.

Types of licenses:

- Sport Fishing License: Standard license with full catch limits.
- Conservation License: Lower catch limits, often cheaper.
- Aboriginal Communal License: For Indigenous communities.

You can usually purchase licenses online or at outdoor retailers.

Seasonal Rules & Catch Limits

- Open seasons: Certain species can only be caught during specific months.
- Catch limits: There's a maximum number of fish you can keep per day.
- Barbless hooks: Some areas require single, barbless hooks to protect fish populations.

For example, Ontario's Fishing Regulations Summary provides detailed rules by zone, species, and season.

Gear Up: Basic Equipment for Beginners

You don't need a mountain of gear to start fishing. Here's a simple checklist to get you going:

Rod & Reel Combo: A medium-action spinning rod (6–7 feet) with a spinning reel is ideal for beginners.

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Fishing Line: Start with 6–10 lb monofilament—easy to handle and versatile.

Hooks & Sinkers: Use size 6–10 hooks and a few split-shot sinkers to keep your bait down.

Bobbers/Floats: Help detect bites and keep bait at the right depth.

Lures or Bait: Try worms, soft plastics, or spinners depending on your target fish.

Tackle Box: Keeps your gear organized and portable.

Pliers & Clippers: For removing hooks and trimming line.

Optional but helpful: a folding chair, polarized sunglasses, sunscreen, and a small cooler for snacks (or your catch!).

Where to Fish from Shore in Canada

Canada is bursting with shore fishing spots. Here are a few beginner-friendly locations:

- Dows Lake, Ottawa (ON) – Urban fishing with easy access
- Muskrat Lake, Cobden (ON) – Great for bass and pike
- Centennial Lake, North Frontenac (ON) – Scenic and peaceful
- Lac Meech, Chelsea (QC) – A gem in Gatineau Park

You can also explore shore fishing tips and techniques to improve your chances of success.

Pro Tips for First-Timers

Fan cast: Vary your casting angles to cover more water

Start early or late: Fish are more active at dawn and dusk

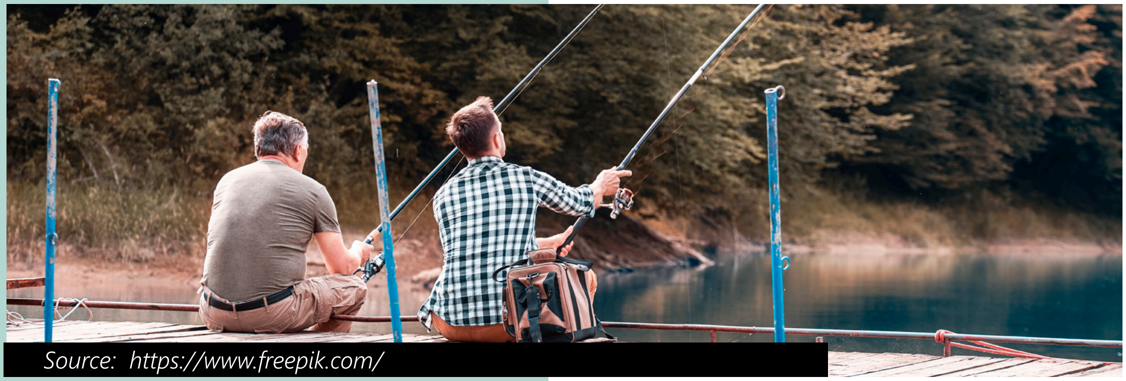
Be patient: Fishing is as much about the experience as the catch

Respect nature: Follow catch-and-release practices when needed and leave no trace

The Final Cast:

Fishing isn't just about catching fish—it's about slowing down, connecting with nature, and finding joy in the stillness. Whether you're casting into a quiet lake at sunrise or sharing laughs with friends on the riverbank, shore fishing in Canada offers a gateway to unforgettable moments.

So, grab your rod, check the regs, and head to the water. Your first fish—and a new passion—might be just one cast away.



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